MACADAMIA NUTS: PRODUCTION, SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION

(Metric Tons, In-shell Basis) Marketing Years: 1996/97 - 1998/99

Country/	Beginning	Production	Imports	Total	Exports	Domestic	Ending	Total
Marketing Year	Stocks			Supply		Consumption	Stocks	Distribution
United States 1/ 2/ 3/ 4/								
1996/97	0	25,628	11,379	37,007	4,593	32,414	0	37,007
1997/98	0	26,308	13,555	39,863	3,240	36,623	0	39,863
1998/99 F	0	24,040	16,000	40,040	3,000	37,040	0	40,040
Australia 1/								
1996/97	0	25,400	0	25,400	15,141	7,759	2,500	25,400
1997/98	2,500	24,500	0	27,000	16,959	9,041	1,000	27,000
1998/99 F	1,000	30,000	0	31,000	19,000	11,000	1,000	31,000
Kenya 1/ 5/								
1996/97	700	6,800	0	7,500	6,819	321	360	7,500
1997/98	360	7,000	0	7,360	6,900	321	139	7,360
1998/99 F	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
South Africa 1/								
1996/97	0	5,505	0	5,505	3,916	849	740	5,505
1997/98	740	6,390	0	7,130	5,400	500	1,230	7,130
1998/99 F	1,230	7,350	0	8,580	6,500	500	1,580	8,580
Costa Rica 1/								
1996/97	855	2,800	0	3,655	3,351	265	39	3,655
1997/98	39	2,000	0	2,039	1,244	265	530	2,039
1998/99 F	530	2,300	0	2,830	2,200	270	360	2,830
Guatemala 1/								
1996/97	120	2,507	0	2,627	2,507	15	105	2,627
1997/98	105	2,800	0	2,905	2,775	20	110	2,905
1998/99 F	110	3,500	0	3,610	3,475	25	110	3,610
Brazil 1/								
1996/97	0	1,300	0	1,300	130	1,170	0	1,300
1997/98	0	1,600	0	1,600	250	1,350	0	1,600
1998/99 F	0	1,760	0	1,760	270	1,490	0	1,760
TOTAL								
1996/97	1,675	69,940	11,379	82,994	36,457	42,793	3,744	82,994
1997/98	3,744	70,598	13,555	87,897	36,768	48,120	3,009	87,897
1998/99 F	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

^{1/} Marketing Years: July-June for the United States and Australia; January - December for Kenya, South Africa, Costa Rica, and Guatemala; February - January for Brazil.

F=Forecast.

SOURCES: U.S. Agricultural Attache Reports, Bureau of Census, NASS/USDA, and HASS.

^{2/} U.S. exports and imports come from the Bureau of the Census with forecasts by USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service with shelling ratios of .216 for 1995/96, .228 for 1996/97, and .23 for 1997/98; a shelling ratio average of .224 was used for 1998/99 based on an average of the past three years. Shelling ratios originate with the Hawaii Agricultural Statistics Service (HASS).

^{3/} U.S. exports include only prepared and preserved macadamia nuts. The National Agricultural Statistics Services (NASS) in Hawaii indicates that few U.S. exports are shelled or in-shell macadamias.

^{4/} Domestic consumption derived from production and exports.

^{5/} Information on the 1998/99 crop was not available from the FAS office in Nairobi due to a reporting delay caused by the bombing of the U.S. Embassy in August 1998.